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The Welcoming Christ at Launde Abbey has become symbolic of the Diocese of Leicester as a whole; it is incorporated into the logo of the Diocese and of Launde Abbey, and is recognised across our churches and organisations.

But the existing bronze resin cast is well past its expected life; one expert recently examined and suggested that it is unlikely to last much beyond winter. If the statue becomes beyond repair then it is lost forever. The original mould remained with the sculptor, who has since died, and it is now presumed lost or destroyed.

Launde Abbey is seeking to raise funds to produce and store a fresh mould, and to have the statue recast in a permanent solid bronze before being resited to a more prominent location in the Abbey grounds.

Bishop Tim has given his permission for solid bronze replicas of the Welcoming

Christ statue which was given to him on his retirement to be sold to raise funds. This will be an extremely unique and limited numbered addition with **only 50 statues being made.**

Demand will be high and orders and payment will be taken on a first come basis. The cost per statue will be £800. To order your statue please e-mail Launde Abbey at ian.andrews@launde.org.uk

"This figure, with arms outstretched has become the logo of our Diocese, and precisely expresses the wideness of God's mercy and His forgiving welcome to us all. This is the God we see in Jesus Christ, expressed especially in the story of the Prodigal Son. And the inclusive, welcoming God is the one who I now feel has been calling and guiding me during these very precious years. I am more grateful than I can say for this gift."

Bishop Tim after his retirement

The statue measures:

12.25 inches high	31 cms high
12.25 inches wide	31 cms wide
3.5 inches deep	9 cms deep

